Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 29 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 30 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 29 Mar 2024 at 02:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Friday and Saturday. High for mostly dry weather developing on Sunday and early next week.

Headline for Friday 29 Mar 2024: Cloudy start with patchy sleet and snow, drier and brighter by afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 29 Mar 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Friday 29 Mar 2024

Weather: Cloudy for most of the morning with some patchy sleet and snow at first. This dying out through the morning to leave the rest of the day largely dry with sunny intervals for the afternoon with just the odd light snow shower.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, but 30% in the far west

Low cloud and visibility: Poor at first in any snow and widespread low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres. Much improved visibility with good air clarity by afternoon with patchy cloud above 850 metres. However low cloud will linger in the west of the area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/12 NE	5/6 SE	14/19 SW	19/27 SW	18/25 S	18/24 S	18/23 S
900	6/7 E	4/5 NW	14/18 SW	17/23 SW	18/22 S	17/22 S	18/23 S
600	3/4 NW	3/4 NW	11/15 SW	13/18 SW	8/14 S	11/16 S	11/17 S
300	1/2 E	2/3 SW	7/14 SW	7/14 SW	4/11 S	4/9 SW	3/9 S
Glen	1/3 NW	3/5 SW	5/13 SW	5/16 SW	3/12 SW	4/14 S	4/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-9	-2/-5	-3/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10
900	-1/-5	-0/-2	1/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5	1/-4
600	1/-1	1/-0	4/0	5/1	4/1	3/-1	3/-1
300	2/1	3/2	7/5	8/6	6/5	4/3	3/2
Glen	2/0	2/1	8/7	10/8	7/6	5/3	4/1
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	900m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Notable wind chill expected in the brisk higher summit winds

Forecast for Saturday 30 Mar 2024
Weather: Mostly cloudy with the chance of some rain, sleet or snow showers in the morning and early afternoon. Becoming drier and brighter from the south through the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southerly average speeds of 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly very good visibility outside of cloud and showers. Areas of cloud down to 750 metres as showers run through, this becoming persistent for a time from mid-morning to mid-afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 1000 to 1200 metres

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